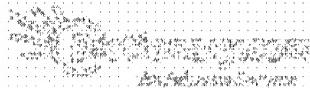


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1. the agency, function, or power of a person authorized to act as the deputy or substitute for another.
2. the person so authorized; substitute; agent.
3. a written authorization empowering another person to vote or act for the signer, as at a meeting of stockholders.
4. an ally or confederate who can be relied upon to speak or act in one's behalf.

Origin:

1400–50; late ME *proxysc*; *procusie*, contr. of *procurecy* *procuration*. See *PROCURE*, -ACY

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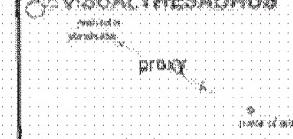
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1. A person authorized to act for another; an agent or substitute.
2. The authority to act for another.
3. The written authorization to act in place of another.

[Middle English procyy, contraction of earlier procuracie, *annual payment to a prelate*, from Anglo-Norman procuracie, from Medieval Latin proculūria, alteration of Latin procuratiō, from procurātus, past participle of procurāre, *to take care of*; see *procure*.]

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Proxy

Prox'ē, **n.**; **pl. Proxies**. [Contr. from *procuracy*. Cf. *Proctor*.]

1. The agency for another who acts through the agent; authority to act for another, esp. to vote in a legislative or corporate capacity.

I have no man's proxy: I speak only for myself. —Burke.

2. The person who is substituted or deputed to act or vote for another.

Every peer . . . may make another lord of parliament his proxy, to vote for him in his absence. —Blackstone.

3. A writing by which one person authorizes another to vote in his stead, as in a corporation meeting.

4. (Eng. Law) The written appointment of a proctor in suits in the ecclesiastical courts. —Burrill.

5. (Ecc.) See *Procuration*. [Obs.]

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noun

1. a person authorized to act for another
2. a power of attorney document given by shareholders of a corporation authorizing a specific vote on their behalf at a corporate meeting

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proxy

A person authorized to act for another, or the written authorization to act for another.

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c.1440, *prokēsi*, "agency of one who acts instead of another," contraction of Anglo-Fr. *procuration*, from ML. *procuratio* "administration," from L. *prorūratio* "care, management," from *prorūrāre* "manage" (see *procure*).

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1. An agent legally authorized to act on behalf of another party. Shareholders not attending a company's annual meeting may choose to vote their shares by proxy by allowing someone else to cast votes on their behalf.

2. A formal power of attorney document that may be signed by a shareholder to authorize another shareholder, a representative of the shareholder or the company's management, to vote on behalf of the shareholder at the annual meeting. Proxy statements must be filed with regulatory authorities (the Securities and Exchange Commission in the U.S.) on an annual basis prior to the company's annual meeting. Proxy documents are meant to provide shareholders with the information necessary to make informed votes on issues important to the company's performance. They are known to offer shareholders and prospective investors tremendous insight into a company's governance as well as a glance at the way that a company's management operates.

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The written authority to act or speak for another party. Proxies are sent to stockholders by corporate management in order to solicit authority to vote the stockholders' shares at the annual meetings.

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1. the act or practice of a person serving as an authorized agent or substitute for another —used esp. in the phrase *by proxy*

2. a : authority or power to act for another b : a statement or document giving such authorization; specifically: an oral consent or written document (as a power of attorney) given by a stockholder to a specified person or persons to vote corporate stock

3. a : a person authorized to act or make decisions for another proxy> b : something serving to replace or substitute for another thing

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